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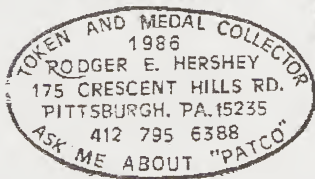
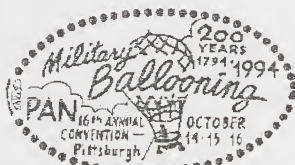


Pennsylvania Area Token
Collectors Organization

Volume 19 - Issue 1

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- "Allegheny County Elongateds" by Rich Bottles Jr.
"Tuff Stuff" by Larry Dziubek



(Miscellaneous elongated designs)

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Allegheny County Pennsylvania Elongated Coins

How many elongated coins do you have from Allegheny County? Did you know there's over 80 different designs? I'm sure there's more than what's listed here, so if you've got any designs that aren't listed in this article, please drop me a note and I'll add yours to the list.

Whereas I had access to the book "Yesterday's Elongateds", I have never reviewed a copy of "Today's Elongateds" or the huge catalog of modern elongateds that was published a few years ago (if either of these books, or any catalog or auction listing you may have, has additional Allegheny County listings, please let me know of those too). I also know there was at least one other "badge" type design that was produced by a TEC member for the 1989 ANA Convention, but I've never been able to get a description.

Many of these designs can be found rolled on a variety of coins and tokens, but a few of these dies were made specifically for a quarter and I've annotated those designs.

One final note: the 1991 PAN show elongate below is included on the list in order to make the PAN show elongate series complete. I'm aware that it is from Carlisle, PA, which is actually a part of Cumberland County.

Yesterday's Elongateds

PITTSBURG PROMOTES PROGRESS / (torch held by hand) / A.D. 1911 / LUCKY CENT

PITTSBURGH'S BIG LAND SHOW / LUCKY / (horseshoe and swastika) / CENT / DUQUESNE GARDEN / OCT. 17 - 29 / 1910

DEDICATION / OF / (Memorial Hall) / OCT. 1910 / MEMORIAL / HALL / PITTSBURGH / PA.

EAST LIBERTY / LUCKY / (horseshoe and swastika) / CENT / OCT. 21 - 28 / 1911. / EXPOSITION

SEWICKLE CORAOPOLIS BRIDGE / OPENING / (bridge) / SEPT. 18 23 1911

Pennsylvania Area Numismatists (PAN)

PAN / 12th ANNUAL CONVENTION / (Cathedral of Learning) / PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA / OCTOBER 5 6 7 / 1990

PAN / Jim Thorpe / (football player) / 13TH ANNUAL CONVENTION / CARLISLE, PA / OCT. / 25 26 / 27 / 1991 / PATCO

PAN / 14th ANNUAL COVENTION / Ferris / Wheel / 1892 / (ferris wheel) / PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA / 1992 / OCT. 23 24 25 / PATCO

PAN / 15th / ANNUAL / CONVENTION / OCTOBER / 15 16 17 / 1993 / (incline) / PITTSBURGH / PA / PATCO

200 / YEARS / 1794 / 1994 / *Military / Ballooning* / (balloon) / PAN / 16th ANNUAL / CONVENTION / OCTOBER 14 15 16 / Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH / KDKA / PENNA / 2 November 1920 / Election Results / First Broadcast / (radio tower) / Oct. 27 28 29, 1995 / 17th Annual / PAN Convention

PAN / (ketchup bottle with "100 YEARS" on ribbon and "of / HEINZ / 57 / VARIETIES" on label) / 1996 / PITTSBURGH, PA / 18th ANNUAL CONVENTION / OCTOBER / 25 26 / 27

PAN / CONVENTION / 1997 / 19TH ANNUAL / (Pirate baseball cap being waved by hand) / ROBERTO / CLEMENTE / 3000 / HITS / 9-30 / 1972 / PITTSBURGH / OCTOBER 24 - 26

20th / ANNUAL / CONVENTION / (keystone with "1998 / PAN") / OCTOBER / 23 - 25 / PITTSBURGH / PA

PAN / 21ST ANNUAL / CONVENTION / OCT / 22 23 24 / 1999 / PITTSBURGH / PA / (globe)

2000 / pan / (reverse design of Pennsylvania State Quarter with "PENNSYLVANIA / 1787 / VIRTUE / LIBERTY / INDEPENDENCE / 1999 / E PLURIBUS UNUM") / 22nd annual convention / PITTSBURGH / October / 13 14 15

23RD ANNUAL / CONVENTION / PAN / PITTSBURGH / PA USA / 1970 (Three Rivers Stadium) 2001 / OCTOBER 26 27 28 / THREE RIVERS STADIUM

PITTSBURGH, PA / (stadium with "PNC PARK" on front) / PAN 24TH / ANNUAL / CONVENTION/ OCTOBER 25, 26, 27

Pittsburgh Zoo

(penguin) PITTSBURGH / ZOO

(elephant) PITTSBURGH / ZOO

(giraffe) PITTSBURGH / ZOO

Kids Kingdom / (seal) / PITTSBURGH ZOO

PITTSBURGH / (bear) / ZOO

PITTSBURGH / (elephant) / ZOO

PITTSBURGH / (gorilla) / ZOO

PITTSBURGH / (alligator) / ZOO

Kennywood Park

Kennywood (inside arrow)

(smiling moon) / Kennywood

Kennywood / (carousel horse)

Quarter size: (phantom atop coaster) / STEEL / PHANTOM

Quarter size: THE / (monster) / EXTERMINATOR / KENNYWOOD

Quarter size: (phantom) / THE / PHANTOM'S / REVENGE / KENNYWOOD

Quarter size: 100 / YEARS OF FUN / 1898 (ark) 1998 / Kennywood

Quarter size: Kennywood (inside arrow) / AMERICA'S FINEST / TRADITIONAL / AMUSEMENT PARK

Quarter size: 100 / Kennywood (inside arrow) / 1898 - 1998

Pittsburgh Sports

PITT PANTHERS / (panther) / PITTSBURGH, PA.

PNC PARK / 2001 INAUGURAL SEASON (field view)

PITTSBURGH / PIRATES (flag with skull & cross bones logo) / 2001 / SEASON

PITTSBURGH / (helmut) / STEELERS

* (baseball diamond with "PNC / PARK") / HOME OF THE PITTSBURGH PIRATES / (crossed bats)

* (stadium with "PNC / PARK") / HOME OF THE PITTSBURGH PIRATES

* PIRATES / (pirate with crossed bats)

* PITTSBURGH / PIRATES / (baseball with "P") / "THE WAY / BASEBALL / SHOULD BE / PLAYED !"

ROBERTO CLEMENTE / (circle with "21"; Clemente, cross, plane, circle with "38") / ATHLETE / HUMANITARIAN / 3000th. / 8-18-34 12-31-72

Quarter size: PNC PARK / (crossed bats) INAUGURAL SEASON / 2001 / (league logo)

1989 ANA Convention

Quarter size: ANA CONVENTION / (owl) / BS / PITTSBURGH / P.A. / TEC / AUG. 9-13 / 1989

ANA 98th ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION / PITTSBURGH'S / (triangle) / GOLDEN TRIANGLE / DAVID LAWRENCE / CONVENTION CENTER / AUG. 9-13 1989 / PAUL L. MILLER / ANA REGIONAL COORDINATOR

GREAT LAKES / COIN CO. / CLEVELAND, OHIO / (flag with "CLEVELAND" atop globe) / ANA - 1989 / PITTSBURGH, / PA.

MID-CONTINENT COINS, INC. / 308 E. 12th. K.C. MO. 64106 / #19 IN A SERIES / L.M. 707 (biplane with "FLYING / DUTCHMAN") 1989 / PITTSBURGH, PA. A.N.A

ANA - PITTSBURGH, PA. / 19 (owl with "TEC" on ribbon) 89 / THE ELONGATED COLLECTOR

GINNIE ALDRIDGE / 23rd / ANNUAL / TEC (owl beside state outline with triangle and "PITTSBURGH, PA / AUG. 9-13 / 1989") / 98TH ANA CONVENTION

ANA 98TH CONVENTION 1989 / PITTSBURGH, PA. / AUG. 9-13 (owl) TEC / 1989 / BARBARA IZZO

WELCOME TO PITTSBURGH / NANCY WILSON / 'THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT' / FOR ANA BOARD OF / GOVERNORS / (scroll design) / 98th ANA CONVENTION

PITTSBURGH, PA. 98TH ANNIV. / (lantern) / CONVENTION / 1989 / ANA

Personals

TOKEN AND MEDAL COLLECTOR / 1986 / RODGER E. HERSHEY / 175 CRESENT HILLS RD. / PITTSBURGH, PA. 15235 / 412-795-6388 / ASK ME ABOUT "PATCO"

FORT PITT / (block house) BLOCK HOUSE / RICHARD A. / GAETANO / PCH. PA. COLLECTOR / 1764 - 1994 230TH ANNIV.

South Hills Coin Club

SOUTH HILLS COIN CLUB / 40th / ANNIVERSARY / 1960 - 2000 / BETHEL PARK, PA

South Hills Coin Club / 1960 (logo with "Liberty" on cap and "SHCC" below shield) 1977 / BETHEL PARK, PA.

SOUTH HILLS / (keystone) / OCTOBER / 8 / 2002 / 500TH / MEETING / (church) / COIN (flag) CLUB

Station Square

GATEWAY CLIPPER FLEET / (boat) / STATION SQUARE

(engine) / (triangle with "1ST / STOP" inside) / *Station Square* / Pittsburgh's place to play

(machine) / BESSEMER / CONVERTER / STATION SQUARE

JUST DUCKY TOURS / (vehicle) / STATION SQUARE

Carnegie Science Center

CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER / (Saturn) / Buhl Planetarium & Observatory

CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER / (submarine) / USS Requin Submarine

CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER / (engine) / Miniature RR & Village

CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER / XPLORE / (rocket) / PITTSBURGH PA.

UPMC Sports Works / (baseball) / CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER

(seahorse) / SeaScape / CARNEGIE / SCIENCE / CENTER

Works / Theater / (beaker) / CARNEGIE / SCIENCE / CENTER

Creative / Technology / Center / (lightbulb) / CARNEGIE / SCIENCE / CENTER

Duquesne Incline

DUQUESNE INCLINE / (smiling car) / Pittsburgh / PA

DUQUESNE INCLINE / (car) / PITTSBURGH, PA

THE DUQUESNE INCLINE / PITTSBURG / (car)

Miscellaneous

TROY HILL / CITIZENS / DAY / IN THE / PARK / THURSDAY / 11TH / 1994 / PITTSBURGH, PA.

THE / HEART / OF / AMERICA / (city within heart) / PITTSBURGH / SOMEPLACE / SPECIAL
(alien head) / PITTSBURGH

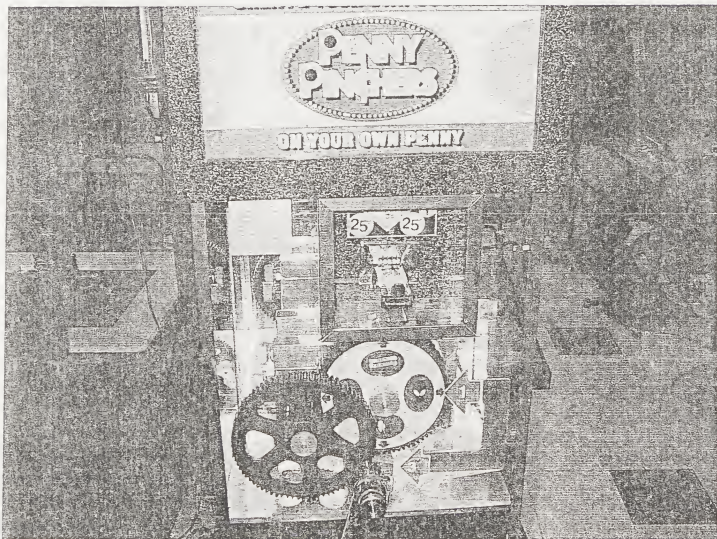
(on ribbon) BEST / (on ribbon) FRIENDS / PITTSBURGH

I / Love / You ! / (two hearts pierced with arrow) / PITTSBURGH / PA

(clover) MY / LUCKY / PENNY / PITTSBURGH / PA

PITTSBURGH - THREE RIVERS / (Point State Park)

PittSBURGH (skyline stadium, civic arena, incline, football/baseball)



(This is the penny rolling machine at Wildwood Highlands, where you can roll the Alien; "Best Friends" and "I Love You" Pittsburgh elongates from the Miscellaneous listings directly above.)

TUFF STUFF

S. SCHOCK



One of the earliest Pittsburgh merchant tokens is the crude incuse issue made for S. Schock. This token was probably made locally by a person who did not have a lot of expertise in such products. Simon Schock first appears in the 1863-1864 city directory. His occupation is shown as "liquor merchant", and he was located at 21 Diamond St. He continued to be a resident in Diamond Alley for all years through 1870. John also remained a liquor dealer for the same period. In 1871 he began to operate a saloon at Fifth Avenue and Union Alley. This was in the upper part of the city, beyond Grant Street. This business continued until 1874. The following year Catherine is listed as the widow of Simon, so he most likely died in late 1874. There are only two locally owned examples of this token, making it quite rare. One of these tokens is struck over the New York Civil War token of John Schuh's Saloon (Fuld NY 630BM-1a) which is dated 1863. Could this be an unlisted Civil War token from Pittsburgh? If so, it would be a R9 or R10 variety.

Copper 29 mm



TRITSCHLER - The Shoeman



A turn of the century boot and shoe business was founded by John L. Tritschler at 1210 Carson Street in 1895. This was located in the heart of the South Side which had several large glass and steel mills operating nearby. In earlier times the area was known as Birmingham, named after the industrial city in England. Eventually this neighborhood became a part of the city of Pittsburgh. In this period of the "Gay Nineties" our token was one of the earlier uses of aluminum for substitute money. The token reads "Good For 5¢ On Every Dollar Purchase". Because of their value to shopping families, most of these were probably redeemed and therefore few survived for collectors of today. Mr. Tritschler is shown as the manager of the store in 1908. He continued to live at that address for many years, but the shoe business location was moved to 1311 Sarah Street. J. Howard became the shoe store manager in 1913 and Tritschler branched out into another business field. The following year he is listed as the Secretary of the Pritchard, Tritschler Company which sold glass at 210 4th Avenue in downtown Pittsburgh. He was shown as an agent or salesman for the glass brokerage firm until 1917.

Aluminum 25mm

BUTLER AREA DISCOVERIES

BOWMAN / HOTEL // Good For / 5¢ / In Merchandise

Alum-Rd-26mm

[Located at 311 Center Street in 1928]



COOVERT'S / RESTAURANT / BUTLER, / PA. //

Good For / 5¢ / Cigar

Alum-Rd-19mm



JACK / HOCKENBERGER / MOTORS

1963 ¢ White Plastic, see photo

JACK
HOCKENBERGER
MOTORS
RAMBLER MERCURY
COMET
PHONE 452-8100
ZELLENOPLE, PA.



INN CONFECTIONARY / <*> / BUTLER / PA. //

Good For / ¢ 5 ¢ / In Trade

Alum-Oct-27mm

[Located 302 E. Brady in 1953]



SHERMAN BAKING CO. / <◇> / WHO / MAKE / <◇> / QUALITY
BREAD // SH BA CO. / PUZZLE / BUTLER, PA.

Alum-Rd-22mm



WICK / IMPLEMENT, INC. / 50 YEARS OF SERVICE /

1916 - 1966 / RT. 68, WEST / BUTLER, PA. //

Keep Me And Have Good Luck

Alum-HS-40x35mm



ZANOTTI HARLEY-DAVIDSON / BUTLER, PA.

1961D ¢



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(Pittsburgh's Highest Denomination Good-For?)

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Pittsburgh's Elusive Silver Bars

by Rich Bottles Jr.

There are plenty of silver "rounds" out there with a Pittsburgh theme, especially honoring the city's sports teams, but did you know there were also a couple of silver bars from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania?

There had been scattered reports of such fine silver bars over the years, but many Pittsburghers questioned their existence and even were bold enough to suggest that such bars would be deemed counterfeit if closely examined - perhaps having been manufactured by a local coin dealer for sale to unsuspecting collectors.

The recent discovery of the sunken S.S. Goodship Lollypop just off the Point State Park shore in the Monongahela River has shed some light on two of these bars and legitimized their authenticity. Ten years ago, the ship was in the process of transporting some silver and confectioneries south of the city when a birthday party got violently out of hand and the ship began to take on water. All passengers and crew made it off the ship safely, thanks to a large supply of balloon animals, but the contents of the ship's cargo was never recovered.

Using the latest sonar technology, a team of treasure hunters recently located the decade old wreck and recovered some of its bounty. Amongst the treasures were rolls of corroded brass incline tokens, which are currently in the process of being curated and slabbed by the firm which funded the mission, and a number of examples of two different silver bars.

The ownership of the silver bars is currently under dispute between the discoverers, an insurance company and the City of Pittsburgh, but the parties involved in the lawsuit have graciously allowed the bars to be studied by local numismatists and scholars specializing in late twentieth century history.

The 1000-grain sterling silver bar varieties include one issued by the Pittsburgh-based Equimark company and one issued by a local greasy spoon called the Grand Concourse. The Equimark bar is the oldest and is dated 1971.

1). The Equimark silver bar measures 23 by 45 mm and is 6 mm thick. The obverse reads: "Equimark / PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA / 1971 38". The reverse inscription states: "THE FRANKLIN MINT / GUARANTEED / 1000 GRAINS / (bust of Benjamin Franklin) / SOLID / STERLING / SILVER / FRANKLIN CENTER, PA.

Equimark Corporation, which was the parent company of Equibank, was located at Two Oliver Plaza in Pittsburgh and was in existence from 1970 to 1989. Equimark was a holding company engaged in offering a wide range of commercial and retail banking services. Equibank was dissolved a year after Integra Financial Corp purchased Equimark Corporation. In 1994, Integra merged into National City Corp.

2). The Grand Concourse silver bar measures 45 by 89 mm and is 2 mm thick. The obverse reads: "STERLING / SILVER / GRAND CONCOURSE / \$100 / VALUE / (serial number) / (GC intertwined monogram logo) / 1000 GRAINS / GIFT / CERTIFICATE." The reverse side is blank.

The Grand Concourse is located at Station Square and is the largest restaurant in Pittsburgh, having available seating for 500 diners. The entrance is located on the lower level of the old P & LE Railroad Station, the dining room is part of the old Waiting Room, the lounge is in the old Baggage Room and the kitchen is located in the old Train Shed.

In the early 1990's, the restaurant offered \$100 gift certificates made of sterling silver. These "silver certificates" came in a black velvet gift boxes and were meant to be keepsakes after a special evening of dining. When the bars were redeemed as payment for a meal, the waiter used a metal punch to stamp a mark beside the serial number and then returned the "voided" chop-marked bar to the diner.

The restaurant no longer uses the silver gift certificates, perhaps because it was possible to buy the \$100 silver bar, order a drink, use the silver bar to pay for the drink, and receive \$90-some back in change plus your 1000-grain silver bar. The serial number of the bar pictured in this article is 1165, but it is unknown how many such bars were actually produced or used during the promotional period. I have yet to see one offered on the secondary market and Aqua's book does not list silver 'good-for' tokens.



(Obverse and reverse of Equimark bar)

Living Treasure Locales

by Rich Bottles Jr.

There are many mysteries associated with Pennsylvania exonomia, but Living Treasures Animal Park elongateds need not be a quagmire that future generations of numismatists should have to ponder over. Thanks to PATCO.

The problem is thus: There are two Living Treasures Animal Parks in western Pennsylvania and each has an elongated machine offering four different designs. Whereas all eight elongated designs state "Living Treasure Animal Park" (note that the word 'Treasure' is not plural as it should be), **none** of the eight list the town name. Plus, one of the designs does not even include the State abbreviation of 'PA.'

The two animal parks, which are owned by Tom and Kathy Guither of Acme, are listed as follows on the website www.lttanimalpark.com: the Laurel Highlands Living Treasures Animal Park (located on Rt. 711, south of Rt. 31, in Donegal) and the Moraine Living Treasures Animal Park (located on Rt. 422, west of Route 19 in New Castle). The two parks are about 80 miles apart in Westmoreland and Lawrence counties, respectively.

The Laurel Highlands park, which is the main site, has its hand-cranked elongated machine out on the front porch, and offers the following four penny designs for \$51 each:

- 1). (vertical full zebra) LIVING / TREASURE / ANIMAL PARK / PA.
- 2). LIVING / TREASURE / ANIMAL PARK / PA. (horizontal deer & tree)
- 3). LIVING TREASURE / (horizontal walking tiger) / ANIMAL PARK- PA
- 4). LIVING TREASURE / (horizontal walking wolf) / ANIMAL PARK

The Moraine park, which is the second site, has its hand-cranked elongated machine inside the gift shop (which also features wooden nickels), and offers the following four penny designs for \$51 each:

- 5). (vertical wolf howls at moon) LIVING / TREASURE / ANIMAL PARK / PA.
- 6). (vertical deer running) LIVING / TREASURE / ANIMAL PARK / PA.
- 7). LIVING / TREASURE / ANIMAL PARK / PA. (horizontal zebra head)
- 8). (vertical standing tiger) LIVING / TREASURE / ANIMAL PARK / PA.



Laurel Four Above



Moraine Four Above

The wooden nickel purchased at the Moraine site (if Laurel Highlands ever had any woods, they were sold out when I was there) is 39mm and is inscribed: LIVING TREASURES / (zebra head) / New Castle, PA. // WOODEN / (buffalo) / NICKEL.

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(Living Treasures Animal Park Wooden Nickel)

- PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
 RIECK - MCJUNKIN DAIRY
 RIECK - MCJUNKIN / 16 / DAIRY CO.
 PUBLIC SCHOOL SERVICE / GOOD FOR / ½ PT /
 MILK
 A 24 R
 T005999
- PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
 A. B. I.
 A. B. I. / 5¢
 LIBERTY / OLDSTYLE / LAGER
 B 24 R
 T015191
- PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
 A. G. H.
 ELEVATOR / A. G. H. / ADMIT ONE (A/I)
 (UNIFACE)
 B 35 R
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- PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
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 (UNIFACE)
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 A002902
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- PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
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 IK00530
- PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
 COLTERYAHN & SONS CO., WM.
 WM. COLTERYAHN / & / SONS CO.
 GOOD FOR / HALF PINT / OF MILK
 A 24 R
 REITER
- PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
 COLTERYAHN'S DAIRY
 COLTERYAHN'S / 1614 / BROWNSVILLE / ROAD /
 DAIRY
 GOOD FOR / 5 C / WITH / EMPTY / BOTTLE
 A 25 R
 REITER
- PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
 COOK, W.F.
- W. F. COOK / NEXT / 10C / DRINK / 1001 LINCOLN
 AVE. (1004 LINCOLN AVE. (CT)
 WHISKEY / 2.5 / IN TRADE / COLD FROM THE
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 A 21 R
 A000648 CT001567
- PITTSBURGH (?), PENNSYLVANIA
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 DAIRYMEN'S / QUALITY / MILK / 1 QUART
 (INCUSE)
 (UNIFACE)
 B 35 R
 REITER
- PITTSBURGH(?), PENNSYLVANIA
 DELCREST DAIRIES
 DELCREST / DAIRIES / PROMPT / HOME SERVICE
 GOOD FOR / 10 C / IN TRADE
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PAN show reminds me of pizza

Making a Scene

By Miff Clishner

Since retiring from my position as publisher of a weekly numismatic newspaper, I've found more time to transverse the contiguous 48 in my camper and lend my unique perspective on local bourse floors and eateries to various club publications.

This week I'm covering the October 24-26, 2003, Pennsylvania Area Numismatists' 25th Anniversary Convention in Pittsburgh for the Pennsylvania Area Token Collectors Organization (PATCO) Journal.

I arrived at the Monroeville ExpoMart on a blustery Saturday morning, after having spent the night at a turnpike rest stop; at which I was disappointed to discover no longer had the familiar Howard Johnson's restaurant and its 57 varieties of ice cream - or is that Heinz - that I fondly remember sampling from my sugar-addicted youth?

Upon entering the bourse, I was at first disappointed to see an abundance of computer hardware and software adorning the dealers' tables with nary a coin or token in sight. After about an hour of being shown so-called "token rings" by these dealers, a kindly woman at the ExpoMart snack bar informed me that the Coin show was on the opposite side of the snack bar. How I had missed the directional signs while enjoying my morning helping of Krispy Kremes, I'll never know.

After receiving my complimentary elongated and wooden dollar at the sign-in desk, I hurriedly tried to make up for lost time by tracking down some of the show's promoters and asking them which dealers had either exonomia or free chocolate at their tables.

There was a definite buzz in the air on the bourse floor that initially distracted me from my pursuits, until I realized that the buzz was actually my pager going off. I had given the "gopher girls" on the floor my pager number and asked them to page me as soon as my Little Caesars Pizza was delivered.

As I was enjoying my lunch of double anchovy pizza and crispy bread sticks, I heard that the real buzz on the bourse floor apparently was over my official replacement at the newspaper. Everyone seemed to be asking one another "Have you see the Krause girl?" or "Did the Krause girl take your picture yet?" Nobody ever made such a big deal over me when I was the company's rep, but I'm not bitter. Really, I'm not.

I later had some luck on my search for exonomia when local dealer Jim Hartman sold me a rare Irradiated Dime for my collection. At first I thought the piece was damaged because the coin was missing from the encasement, but Jim assured me that the piece had been overly irradiated and the dime had disintegrated. I figured Jim should know, since he's part of the nuclear energy industry.

I then found a token dealer named John who was running a special on his inventory. He had tons of binders filled with tokens of every kind - each of which were pain-stakingly priced in red ink. But today he was offering his wares for half off! Thus I filled a few holes in my miscellaneous accumulation of randomly selected items.

After the show, I enjoyed a leisurely dinner at a nearby pub named Hooters. The place appeared to be understaffed, however, because the waitresses' hands were filled with trays and they had to carry the diners' beer bottles in their cleavage. Cheers!

TUFF STUFF

SAMUEL B. CHARTERS GROCERY CO.



There may be a renewed interest in CHARGE COINS in the face of a new book on the subject. I believe one of Pittsburgh's best is the Samuel B. Charters Co. coin that is early and rare. This item is not listed in the book. J. B. Charters was a clerk for a grocer named J. W. Craig in the city directory of 1878-79. The business was on Ross and 2nd streets in the heart of downtown. In 1880 Samuel B. Charters began to work for this firm, and the next year he started his own company at 36 Grant Street. Around 1892 the business location moved to 214 Grant Street, and this continued as his address until 1927. During the second half of the 1920's the Pittsburgh directory seems to indicate that this grocery business is thriving. Samuel is shown to be the President, son William J. is the Vice-President, and son Robert is the Secretary-Treasurer. The family residence moves to the plush suburb of Mt. Lebanon. These are the thriving business boom days leading up to the Great Depression. Being right in the big business district and not in the shopping area of town, their office location did not facilitate the traffic of many customers. I believe they were doing a home delivery grocery business to the more prosperous families in the Allegheny section and other well to do neighborhoods in which by coincidence, members of this family resided. My guess is that the charge coin was used during the hey-day years of the grocer in the mid 1920's. At this point in time there is a change of direction in the type of business being pursued. In 1928 "S. B." turns up with his son William J. as the Charters Realty Co. located in room 213 of the Fitzsimmons Bldg. In 1929 the real estate firm moved to 1131 Grant Building which was just newly constructed that year, and known as a prestigious 40 story facility. A supposition is that they were on that site and sold their land for the creation of this skyscraper. It could not be determined as to just what happened regarding any sale of the grocery business. Samuel's wife Leah shows up as a widow in the 1934 directory listing. William J. continues as the Charters Realty Co. business up until the start of World War II.

Brass-Oval- 24 X 32mm

Previously there has never been a report of a token issued by the Butler, Pa. branch of the Independent Brewing Co. The herein shown rubbing is of an aluminum token that was displayed at the Butler County courthouse for the 1902-03 centennial exhibit. This is not a bottle deposit check like the 5¢ brass or aluminum types from other I. B. Co. branches. It could be a deposit check for a case or keg of beer, or a 50¢ off token for one of these items. Lest the reason that this may be the only one not to be redeemed.



Oct-37mm

Remembering Jim Kriss

The Pennsylvania exonomia community was particularly saddened by the news of the passing of Jim Kriss on Veterans Day of last year. On 11/11/03, Jim succumbed to a long battle with cancer, which had kept him separated from the collecting scene for the last couple of years.

Anyone who knew Jim personally certainly has many very fond memories of their encounters and dealings with this knowledgeable and kind gentleman – a man who loved to laugh and tell stories of his token-hunting exploits and who regularly stayed up late into the night talking with friends on the phone and data-entering his collection into a computer.

As many of you know, Jim was one of the founders of PATCO in 1984 and some of the initial swap meets were held in his Pittsburgh home. It seemed at times like Edward Avenue was the hub of western Pennsylvania token collecting. Most visitors to Jim's home were able to leave with one or two nice traders, along with a sampling of his latest homemade horseradish or pirogie concoctions.

Jim's diverse collecting interests included everything from dinosaur tokens to U.S. Transportation tokens, but his main interest was Pennsylvania trade tokens. And his knowledge wasn't just shared through articles in the PATCO Journal, but can be seen through the prominence of his name appearing in most standard exonomia reference catalogs as a major contributor.

On a personal note, Jim was the person who introduced me to the Pittsburgh area token-collecting community by inviting me to a Castle Shannon collectibles show, where he had a regular table. Having just returned to Pennsylvania from Los Angeles, California, in the mid-1980's, I don't remember how I initially got Jim's name and phone number but it must have been through a national token dealer. I learned a lot from Jim over the following years, thanks to numerous invitations to visit his home and to ride along with him to out-of-state shows.

Perhaps the fondest memory for me now was when I shared a room in one of Adamstown's shabbier motels with Jim Kriss and Rodger Hershey. Ironically, an unlisted lumber token that I bought for a buck was the only good find that any of us discovered when we scoured Renninger's antique fair in the morning.

I also remember that it was Jim who inspired me to go out into the many Butler and Lawrence county towns near my home to search for plastic drink tokens at restaurants and bars. He'd then ask me to enter descriptions of my new acquisitions into his ever-expanding computer files.

Token collecting has changed a lot during the last 20 years... There doesn't seem to be enough spare time available to travel to restaurants in search of the latest plastics... Internet auctions are providing a better opportunity to find tokens than long road trips to flea markets and out-of-state shows. And there just aren't many collectors around anymore who value their friendships over their collections, like Jim Kriss. He will surely be missed.

-- Rich Bottles Jr.



PLYMOUTH, PENNSYLVANIA

SMOLOK & SON, G.S.
G.S. SMOLOK & SON / CIGARS
GOOD FOR / 5 C / IN MERCHANDISE
A 20 R
T007230

POINT MARION, PENNSYLVANIA

PORT MARION NEST 1360
POINT MARION NEST / (3 OWLS) / 1360
10 / BUFFET CHECK
B 19 R
IK00802

PORT MARION, PENNSYLVANIA

POINT MARION NEST
POINT MARION NEST / O O O (ON OWL BREAST)
10 / BUFFET CHECK
A 20 R
T001720

PORTAGE, PENNSYLVANIA

FIDDLER'S GREEN TAVERN
FIDDLER'S GREEN TAVERN / RD'S
MIXED / DRINKS
PWEBK 29 R
NA01386

PORTAGE, PENNSYLVANIA (POSSIBLE)

FIDDLERS GREEN TAVERN
FIDDLERS / GREEN / TAVERN
DRAFT
PWEBK 29 R
NA01385

POTTERVILLE, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

DOUTRICHS SHOE DEPARTMENT
XYZ OPENING OF DOUTRICHS SHOE
DEPARTMENT / DOUTRICHS / MEN'S SHOES / \$5.00-
\$7.50 / FLORSHEIM \$10.00 / BOY'S SHOES / \$3.00
\$4.00 \$5.00

FEATURING FLORSHEIM SHOES IN OUR MEN'S
DEPARTMENT/ THIS COIN/ IS WORTH/50C/ON A
PAIR OF/MEN'S OR BOY'S/ SHOES / COIN GOOD
UNTIL MAY 1 1927
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POTTSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

FOX, C.L.
C. L. FOX / (6 SIDED STAR C/O) / 72 N.
WASHINGTON ST.
GOOD FOR 5¢ IN TRADE / (STAR C/O)
A 21 R
NA00228 T014894

POTTSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

VENICE HOTEL
VENICE / HOTEL / POTTSVILLE
GOOD FOR / 10 C / IN TRADE
A 26 R
T003412 A000765

PRINGLE, PENNSYLVANIA

VALLEY VIEW INN
VALLEY / VIEW / INN
GOOD / FOR / 10 C / IN / TRADE
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M00167

READING, PENNSYLVANIA

BUD'S BINGO
BUD'S BINGO / 340 PENN ST. / (CENT) / EVERY
MON.- WED. - FRI. / & SAT. NITES 8:00 P.M.
KEEP ME AND NEVER GO BROKE / (SHAMROCK
) / (19147 CENT) / I BRING / GOOD LUCK
A 40X35 HORSESHOE
T014974

READING, PENNSYLVANIA

MERSINGER, E.K.
E. K. MERSINGER / 1 / M
INGLE1909
B 18 R
T005964

RED LION, PENNSYLVANIA

B. P. O. E. 1592
B. P. O. E. / (ORNA) / 1592
GOOD FOR / * 5 * / IN TRADE
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ALTADS

REINHOLDS, PENNSYLVANIA

BLAINSPORT TAVERN
BLAINSPORT / TAVERN
DRAFT (ALSO UNIFACE)
PBEK 29 R / PBNWE 29 R
NA01377

RUSSELL, PENNSYLVANIA

BIG 4 DAIRY
BIG 4 / DAIRY
GOOD FOR / 1 / QUART / MILK
A 18 R
T000015

SAXTON, PENNSYLVANIA

SAXTON CLOVER FARMS STORE
SAXTON CLOVER / FARMS / STORE
GOOD FOR / 5 C / WITH / MILK BOTTLE
A 25 R
REITER

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

14TH WARD CLUB
14TH / WARD CLUB / 2ND / DISTRICT
GOOD / FOR 10C IN / TRADE
PBK 23 S
T005621

PATCO SWAP & MEETING

Saturday, May 15, 2004

A PATCO club meeting and swap will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Pittsburgh Expomart in Monroeville, PA (near the Monroeville Mall), along Business Route 22.

The PATCO meeting is being held in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists (PAN) Show. Look for signs near the bourse floor to direct you to the PATCO meeting area.

To gain access to Route 22 in Monroeville - Take Exit 6 of the Pennsylvania Turnpike (Route 76), or take the Penn-Lincoln Parkway East (Rte 365) from Pittsburgh.